

Appl. No. 09/687,138
Amdt. dated September 14, 2004
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 2611

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the lengthy interview today.
Although no consensus was reached, the granting of an interview after final is appreciated.

AMENDMENT

Further to our suggestion in the interview, we have amended the claims. More specifically, the limitation from claim 6 is added to claim 1 and the limitation in claim 16 is added to claim 10. As these amendments place the claims in better form for appeal and do not change the scope of the claimed subject matter, entry of these claim amendments is respectfully requested.

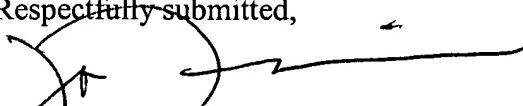
APPEAL

Applicant plans to file an appeal tomorrow to avoid abandonment for failure to respond in the six month period. In light of the interview, we welcome any additional action from the Office that would avoid any need to appeal at this time.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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